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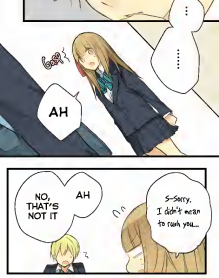

Towada Ouji
Class 1-2
DROP
E-EXCUSE ME
HERE
Y-YO...
YOU
YOU DWOPPED THISH/ (MISSPOKE)
STARTLED
OH... THANK YOU
UM...
OUJI...-KUN
PFFT
SNICKER
SNICKER
SERIOUSLY, WHICH PART OF HIM IS A PRINCE?
JEEZ DON'T LAUGH
SNICKER
SNICKER

REALLY? YOU'LL GIVE THAT TO ME?
Happy Valentine's Day!
THEY'RE HOMEMADE. AWE-SOME!
YOU'RE SO POPULAR, SHUJITO
FEB 14, WED
TOSS
I DIDN'T RECEIVE EVEN ONE...
OUJI!
NEE-CHAN, WELCOME BACK
YEAH, I'M HOME!
HERE'S YOUR PORTION OF CHOCOLATE!
HELP ME CONSUME ALL OF THESE THIS YEAR, TOO
WA!
NEE-CHAN, WHY
DO YOU RECEIVE THIS MANY CHOCOLATES EVERY YEAR?
MM ?
THAT'S JUST HOW IT IS IN AN ALL-GIRLS HIGH SCHOOL.
YOU CAN SAY IT'S A CHOCOLATE EXCHANGE. SOMETHING LIKE THAT
HUH

IT'S GOOD FOR YOU
...OUJI?
NEE-CHAN
SHOULD HAVE BEEN 'OUJI',
I CAN'T EVEN TALK PROPERLY WITH GIRLS
I'M FAR FROM A "PRINCE". I'M SURE, FOR THE REST OF MY LIFE...
NO ONE WILL EVER LIKE ME
.....
I GOT IT
GRAB
IF THAT'S THE CASE, I
WILL TURN YOU INTO THE PERFECT PRINCE

...HUH?
LOOKING BACK, I SHOULD'VE TAKEN NOTICE OF AND DONE SOMETHING ABOUT
MY SISTER'S HAPPY EXPRESSION THEN. IT WAS AS IF
SHE FOUND HERSELF A NEW TOY.
WH...
WHY AM... I RUNNING?!
A PRINCE IS SOMEONE WHO EXCELS AT SPORTS! THAT'S A GIVEN!
THE SIT-UPS YOU'LL DO WILL DEPEND ON HOW MANY SECONDS LATE YOU ARE, OKAY?
WHAAT?!
Pant
Pant
Don't stay up late! It's bad for your skin!
BAM!
Blushes
Push/Shove
AND SO—
WHAT DO YOU THINK?
IT'S LIKE I'M A DIFFERENT PERSON
BUT IF I GO TO SCHOOL WITH THIS HAIR, I'LL DEFINITELY BE SCOLDED...
DON'T WORRY! WE ENROLLED YOU IN A MIDDLE SCHOOL THAT'S LAX WITH SCHOOL REGULATIONS
THEY WON'T SAY A THING AS LONG AS YOUR GRADES AND ATTITUDE ARE GOOD
CHUU
ACTUALLY, LET'S GO WITH THE CHARACTER SETTING THAT YOU'RE A HALF
SETTING, YOU SAY...
I'M JAPANESE...
TOO NAIVE!
HOLD ON A SEC
...WHAT ARE THESE? YOUR VIDEO GAMES?
YUP!
YOU LIKE GAMES, RIGHT? I'LL LEND THESE TO YOU

REALLY?
YAY!
WHAT KIND OF GAMES ARE THESE?
DO I FIGHT WITH THESE GUYS?
NOPE
YOU'LL EXPERIENCE LOVE WITH ALL OF THEM AND MARRY THEM IN THE END (IN THE GAME)
...?!
OH, NO, NO
YOU'RE NOT GONNA PLAY THEM NORMALLY
THEY'RE SIMPLY RESEARCH MATERIALS!
THESE ARE CALLED OTOME GAMES
THEY'RE PACKED WITH ALL KINDS OF CHARACTERS, LINES AND SITUATIONS THAT GIRLS LOVE
IN OTHER WORDS, IF YOU USE THESE AS REFERENCES, YOU WILL BECOME THE IDEAL PRINCE!
EH... B-BUT EVERYBODY STOPPED LAUGHING AT ME IN GRADE SCHOOL
AND THE GIRLS ARE KIND TO ME, TOO...
KIND, HUH? BUT DID SOMEONE CONFESS TO YOU?
W-WELL, NO ONE DID...
THAT'S EXPECTED
EVEN IF YOUR APPEARANCE CHANGED, YOUR PERSONALITY DIDN'T
AND BESIDES, YOUR CLASSMATES KNOW THE FORMER YOU
SO FOR THEM IT'S TOO LATE TO CARE ABOUT YOU BEING CONVERSATIONALLY ENLIGHTENED
TRY ENTERING MIDDLE SCHOOL THE WAY YOU ARE NOW
STAB
I'M SURE THE GIRLS WILL BE EVEN MORE DISAPPOINTED THAN EVER BECAUSE OF THEIR EXPECTATIONS FROM YOUR APPEARANCE
NO
NO WAY...
LISTEN UP, OUJI
TO BE FRANK, YOUR INNER SELF IS FALLING BEHIND YOUR OUTER APPEARANCE— THAT'S YOUR CURRENT SITUATION
A PRINCE WHO CAN'T EVEN HOLD A PROPER CONVERSATION? BECOMING POPULAR IS FAR FROM BEING OUR PROBLEM!
YOU CAN'T CALL THAT A PERFECT PRINCE!
April 4
BAM!
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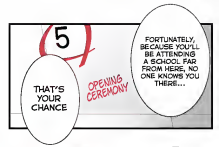
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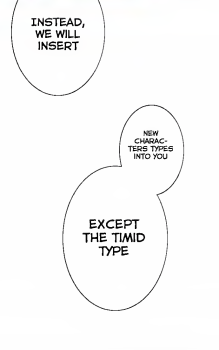
OPENING CEREMONY
FORTUNATELY, BECAUSE YOU'LL BE ATTENDING A SCHOOL FAR FROM HERE, NO ONE KNOWS YOU THERE...
THAT'S YOUR CHANCE



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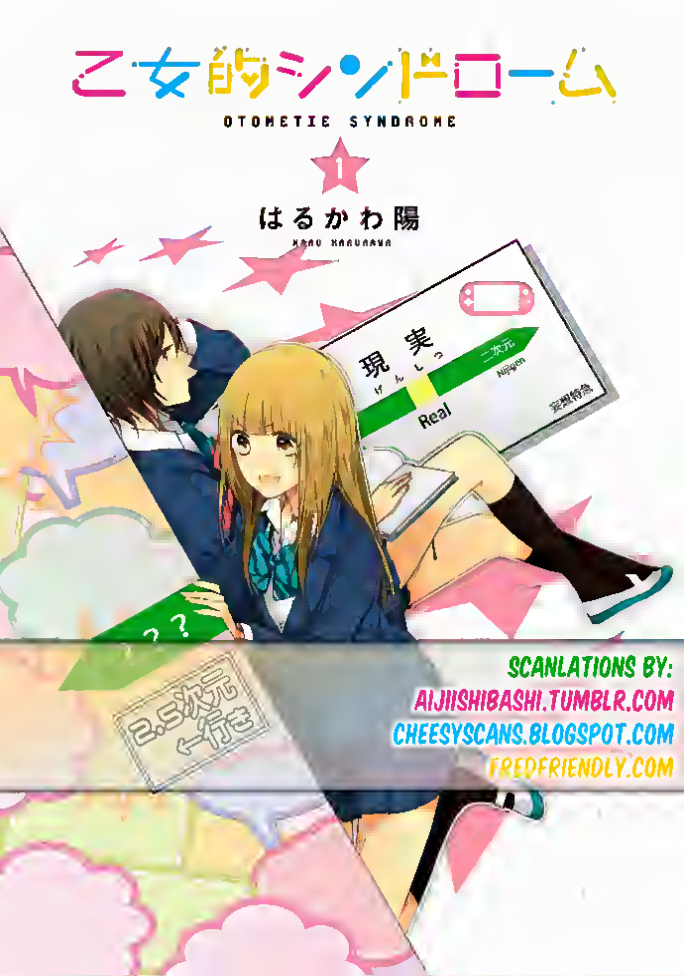

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